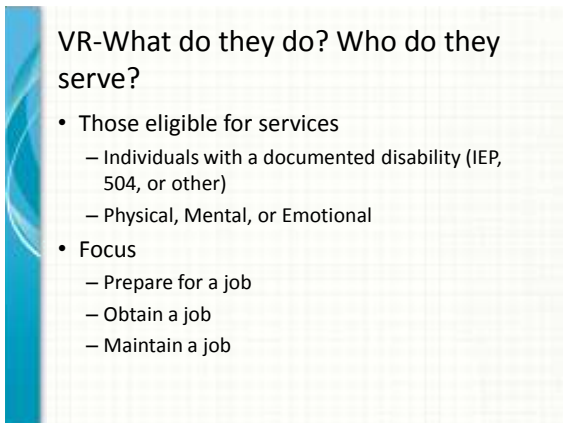




ACN CONNECTIONS:
**MATCHING THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO
 THE RIGHT JOB**

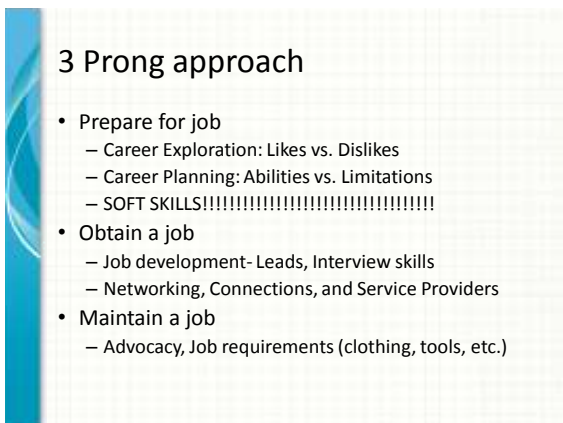
Keri Bennett, Program Director
 Ryan Stamm, Rehabilitation Specialist
 Vocational Rehabilitation
 Susanna Johnston, Claudia Schulte
 Employment Coordinators
 Autism Center of NE

Presentation available at: http://www.education.ne.gov/COMMISH/Administrators_Days_NDE_Day.html



VR-What do they do? Who do they serve?

- Those eligible for services
 - Individuals with a documented disability (IEP, 504, or other)
 - Physical, Mental, or Emotional
- Focus
 - Prepare for a job
 - Obtain a job
 - Maintain a job



3 Prong approach

- Prepare for job
 - Career Exploration: Likes vs. Dislikes
 - Career Planning: Abilities vs. Limitations
 - SOFT SKILLS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Obtain a job
 - Job development- Leads, Interview skills
 - Networking, Connections, and Service Providers
- Maintain a job
 - Advocacy, Job requirements (clothing, tools, etc.)

Where are the gaps?

- ACN to the rescue...



Goals of the session

- Identify the critical connections needed for transition
- Identify essential steps for Career Planning
- Identify areas to be used in effective networking

ACN

Autism Center of Nebraska, Inc.

- Mission
- Program & Services



ACN Connections
Employment Service

- Serving individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities of employment age
- Career planning process
- Recruitment and retention services
- Customized job training on-site
- Ongoing support and consultation



**Target
Population**




**Career
Planning**

Career Planning

- 1 • Dream Job
- 2 • Gifts & Contributions
- 3 • Conditions & Preferences

3 Critical Connections for Successful Transition

- Employment
- Social
- Networking

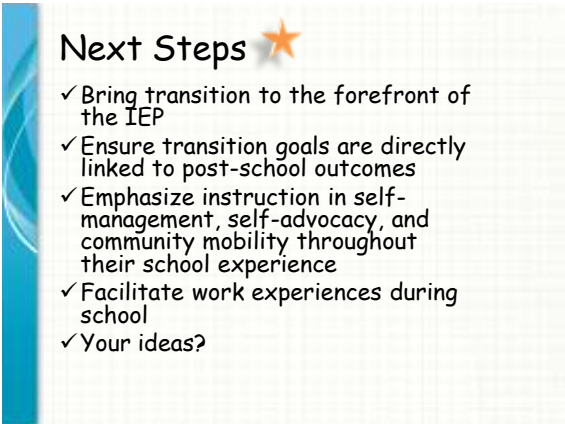
EMPLOYMENT



SOCIAL



NETWORKING



Next Steps

- ✓ Bring transition to the forefront of the IEP
- ✓ Ensure transition goals are directly linked to post-school outcomes
- ✓ Emphasize instruction in self-management, self-advocacy, and community mobility throughout their school experience
- ✓ Facilitate work experiences during school
- ✓ Your ideas?